



# 2013 Calendar

A Collection of Visual & Language Art by Louisiana Students

***“Louisiana Waters: Protect, Conserve, Enjoy!”***

Artist: **Heath McArdle**  
Cedarwood School, St. Tammany Parish



## Louisiana Waters

Louisiana waters are the place to be, fun and beauty for all to see.

Float up the rivers or down in the swamp, watch the alligator, his teeth can chomp!

You can swim or you can fish, take home your catch for a tasty dish.

So use the waters, use them with care, if you protect them they will always be there.

Louisiana waters are for you to enjoy, everyone can use them; man, woman, girl and boy.

*Author: **Kamryn Hudson**, Georgetown Elementary School, Grant Parish*

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## Louisiana's Water

The rain drop falls right from the cloud,

Which drops on the flower's petal!

The flower blooms while the sun sparkles on the Louisiana day!

But where the crawfish play in the beautiful fresh water, something spreads above them a gorgeous stunning rainbow! They watch it dazzle above them as the sun passes down, then time to go nighty night. Tuck in little fellows say your prayers as the water settles in, till sun rise again and another beautiful Louisiana day!

*Author: **Lainie Pilant**, Isidore Newman School, Orleans Parish*

## LOUISIANA WATER

Louisiana water is blue  
like a blue heron catching a fish in the lake,  
like blueberries waiting to be eaten,  
like the sky on a spring morning.

Louisiana water is sparkly  
like glitter on Mardi Gras floats,  
like sparklers on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July,  
like the sun reflecting on the Gulf.

Louisiana water is green  
like a swamp filled with water-lilies,  
like an alligator swimming in the bayou,  
like oak leaves blowing in the breeze.

Author: **Heath McArdle**, Cedarwood School, St. Tammany Parish

## *Water to Share*

*Water, Water here and there  
Is a resource that we all share.  
Protecting it is what we must do  
So it stays around for me and for you.  
Louisiana waters depend on us  
To keep them clean without a fuss.  
If you see someone about to dirty it,  
Stop them and tell them they need to quit.  
Conserving our water will help too  
So we will have water our whole life through.  
To do this we all must change our ways  
By turning off faucets without any delays.  
Enjoying our waters is easy to do  
On rivers, in the gulf, or on the bayous.  
Fishing, boating and swimming in the sun  
Without the water would be no fun.  
I hope this poem has taught you a lot  
That conserving our water is such a great thought.*

Author: **Craig Matise**, John Curtis Christian School, Jefferson Parish

## I Love The Water

I love the water of my state. I live in Louisiana. I want to protect, conserve, and enjoy the water.

I do not throw trash out of the car window because I do not want the trash to get in the bayous, lakes, or ditches. The trash could harm the animals and they could die. I do not throw batteries in the garbage can because they might leak acid into my drinking water. I do not put gasoline in the water. Gasoline would pollute the water.

When I wash my hands, I wet them, put soap on them, and then turn the water off. I turn it off so I do not waste the water. I rub my hands together, then I turn the water back on to rinse the soap off my hands. I take a bath more often than a shower. I do not let the hose pipe run too much water outside.

I swim in water with my sisters. I like to go under the water and hold my breath. It feels good. I drink the water. My favorite drink is kool-aid. I water the plants with the water so they will grow healthy.

Now I have told you ways I protect, conserve, and enjoy the waters of Louisiana. I love the water.

Author: **Amanda LeBlanc**, Crescent Elementary & Junior High School, Iberville Parish

## **Then and Now**

When Acadians and native people  
Inhabited this green and fertile land,  
Nature was free- seen as a great steeple.  
The waters, which were cherished by man,  
Were used for their living and survival.  
Using the skillfully hewn-out canoes,  
People also were able to travel.  
They coexisted and gave all its dues.  
The waters of Louisiana were  
More than just streams, rivers, and bayous.

However, today the same can't be said.  
With innovations, we have constrained  
Waterways with levees and pollution,  
But there still does remain a solution.  
Our beloved waters can be reclaimed,  
And for the future, we can erase dread  
If we resolve to save tradition,  
Culture, the true cores of ourselves: water.  
As we strive to conserve, the battle can be won,  
So harmony can return to every son and daughter.  
Then the waters of Louisiana again will be  
More than just streams, rivers, and bayous.

Author: **Nicole Dominique**  
Edward Douglas White Catholic High, Lafourche Parish

## “Hoping for a Future in the South”

The biggest question I’ve ever had has been on my mind excessively lately. It’s actually quite scary if you really think about it. I love everything about where I live. The food, the heritage, and the people are just a few of the reasons I love it here. However, with coastal erosion and water pollution at their highest, will I be able to raise my family in South Louisiana? With the way coastal erosion is destroying our land day by day, who knows how much longer the heart of the south will be above water. If we want to be able to raise our families in this beautiful area, we must protect and conserve in order to enjoy!

Remember the last time you simply tossed a sliver of paper onto the ground and thought it wouldn’t matter? That scrap of trash eventually ends up in our water system by the natural process called runoff. This type of pollution causes more problems than you might think. Every time a pollutant is tossed into, or ends up in the water, the risk of losing safe drinking water increases. By throwing away our trash in the proper disposal containers, we lengthen marine life, keep waters drinkable, and increase our time here in the bayou land. By planting strong standing plants along our coast we can help protect our land from coastal erosion, for even just a few weeks. Every day counts.

Louisiana’s waters do so much for us. They provide us with sunny beaches, beautiful lakes to enjoy, and also drinking water.

The least we can do is conserve it. By turning off the water when brushing our teeth we can save the slightest amount of water. Showering, rather than bathing, is another way we can conserve our state’s waters. Wasting water is not doing any good, especially to those who want our land to last. Another way to conserve water is putting nozzles on our hosepipes. This will prevent excess water from escaping. Also, rather than letting your sprinkler run for hours, we can simply water our plants and lawns by hand.

Enjoying the beautiful water Louisiana provides us with is something that is strongly encouraged. Tubing on the waters of Lake Verret, or catching rays and waves on the beach in Grand Isle, are two local favorites. Although hosepipe wars and water balloon fights are great fun, they should be done in moderation, for Louisiana has a great risk of losing our coastline to erosion and pollution.

While enjoying the water seems to be simple with no guidelines, we do have some precautions to take. If we really want to raise our families here, and allow our great grandchildren to be able to enjoy this beautiful land, we must protect, conserve, but also enjoy the beautiful, natural waters of South Louisiana.

*Author: **Trey Clark**, Edward Douglas White Catholic High, Lafourche Parish*



Artist: **Emma Cho**  
Isidore Newman School, Orleans Parish





# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Isaac Newton's Birthday	5
6	7	8	9	10 Save the Eagles Day	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Penguin Awareness Day Inauguration Day	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystem Science Conference, New Orleans	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Christa McAuliffe Day	29	30	31		

## Be Involved

Participate in local drinking water protection activities to prevent contamination in your own home and community. Contact the LDEQ Drinking Water Protection Team at (225) 219-3510 for information on drinking water protection activities in your area.

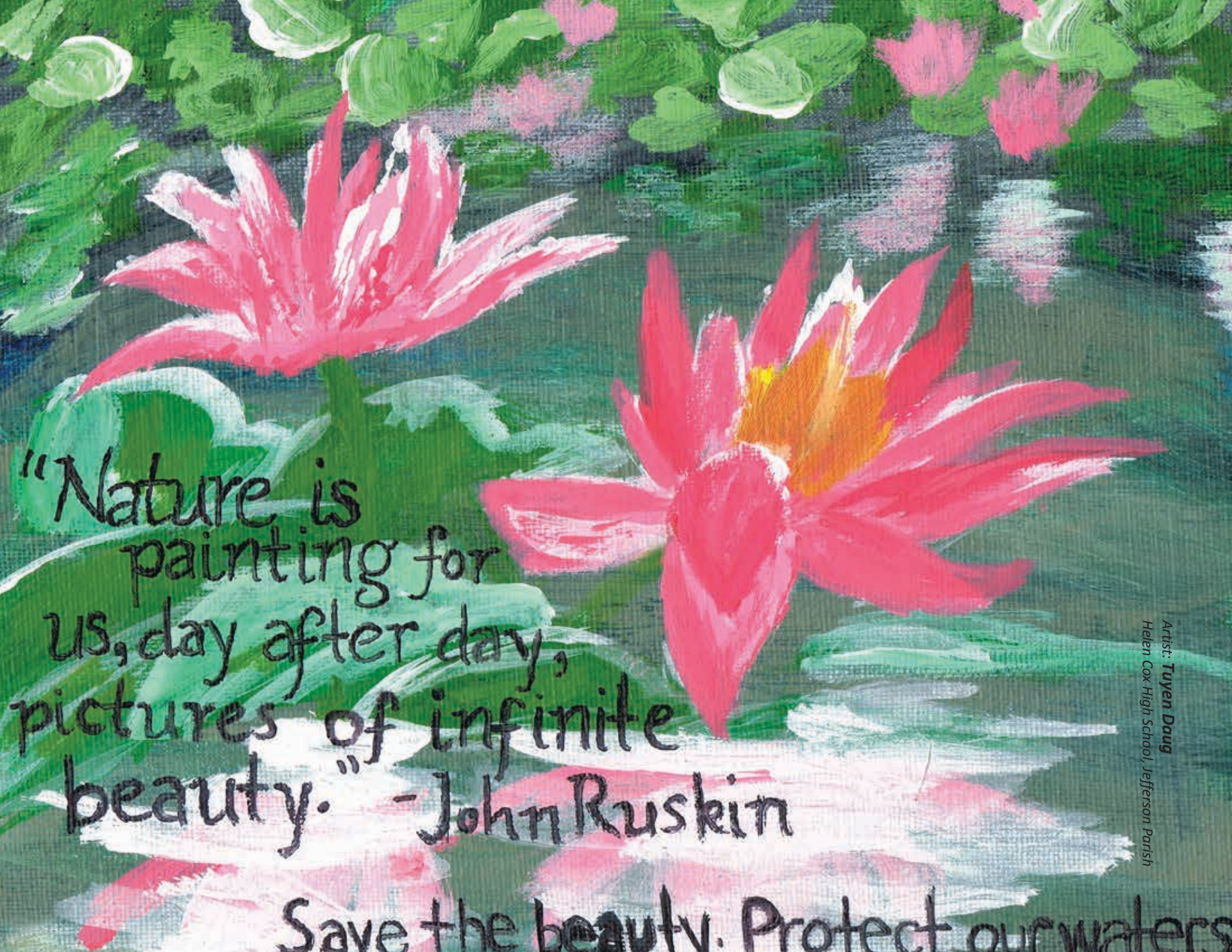
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"Nature is  
painting for  
us, day after day,  
pictures of infinite  
beauty." - John Ruskin

Save the beauty. Protect our waters



# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black History Month					1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day
3 Super Bowl XLVII	4	5	6	7	8 Boy Scout Day	9
10 Chinese New Year	11	12 Lincoln and Darwin's Birthdays Mardi Gras	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 National FFA Week begins
17 National FFA Week National Engineers Week	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium, Baton Rouge	23 Science & Engineering Fair, Region IV, Alexandria
24	25	26	27	28 Eagle Expo		

## Don't Over Fertilize

Over fertilizing increases the lawn's need for water.

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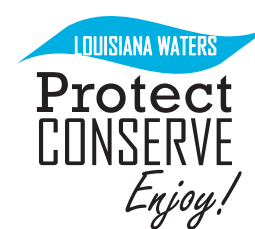
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Artist: **Claire Leming**  
West Feliciana Middle School, West Feliciana Parish





# March 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Great American Clean Up Month					1 Eagle Expo Bear With Us! Workshop, Poverty Point	2 Bayou Lafourche Clean-Up
3	4	5	6	7	8 LEEC Grant Application Deadline	9 Louisiana Envirothon, Baton Rouge
10 Girl Scouts Week Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 National Agriculture Day	20 LEAP (Phase I) First Day of Spring	21	22 Swamp Stomp Festival, NSU World Water Day	23
24 Palm Sunday Swamp Stomp Festival, NSU	25	26 Passover	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
Easter 31						

## Shop Recyclables

Production requires water. Buying recycled goods and recycling items that you no longer use are therefore great ways to conserve water.

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Artist: **Jadeyn Bourque**  
Fenton Elementary School, Jefferson Davis Parish



# April 2013

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Great American Clean Up Month  Clean Air Month	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4 Paddle Bayou Lafourche	5	6
7 National Week of the Ocean	8	9	10	11 NSTA Conference, San Antonio, TX	12 The Great Louisiana Birdfest, Northshore	13
14 National Environmental Education Week	15 Income Taxes Due	16	17	18	19 Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival Bayou Teche Black Bear & Birding Festival, Franklin	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 National Arbor Day Environmental Awareness Art & Language Arts Contest Deadline	27
28	29	30				

## Rain Gardens

Plant a rain garden to add beauty to your yard and to absorb and filter rainwater from runoff sources like a downspout or driveway headed for sewer systems and streams. Learn how to make a rain garden through websites like: [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) or [www.raingardennetwork.com](http://www.raingardennetwork.com)

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Artist: **Amber Seal**  
Marigny Elementary School, St. Tammany Parish





# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Great American Clean Up Month	Bear Aware Month		1	2 National Day of Prayer	3 Space Day	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Teacher Appreciation Week	7 Teacher Appreciation Day	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17 National Geography Bio Blitz, Marrero	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23 World Turtle Day	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

## Save in the Shower

A filled bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water! Showering can use less water (10 to 25 gallons) if you keep your shower under five minutes long. If you do take a bath, plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.

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Artist: **Ashini Modi**  
South Highlands Magnet, Caddo Parish



# June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Great Outdoors Month						1 National Fishing & Boating Week Back to the Beach Festival National Trails Day Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins
2 National Fishing & Boating Week	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 Louisiana Free Fishing Weekend World Oceans Day
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 National Marine Educators Association Conference, Mobile, AL
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Leave the Grass a Little Higher

Mowing the lawn too close to the ground encourages thirsty new growth. Taller grass helps roots grow deeper, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better. Raise your mower blade to at least 3 inches.

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## Couyon and Kapoot

Down a Louisiana bayou, two best friends, Couyon and Kapoot, lived in a small town. Couyon was named for his foolishness. Kapoot was named for being a mess. Couyon and Kapoot loved to hunt, fish, and swim. One day, while climbing in the old magnolia tree, they noticed something strange. “Couyon, look at da bayou.” Couyon replied, “I don’t see nuttin’.” Kapoot said, “Look through my field glasses.” Confetti was all over the bayou. “May Kapoot, what dun happen to our bayou?” Couyon asked. “I don’t know, but we’s gonna find out,” Kapoot told him.

When they got to the bayou, Kapoot stopped. “May Couyon, watch out for dese here gators,” Kapoot said. “Where did dey come from?” Couyon exclaimed. “Well I guess from da bayou,” Kapoot told him. “Why dey left da bayou?” Couyon asked. “Let’s get da pirogue and see.” They carefully made their way through the alligators and paddled out into the bayou. “Kapoot, what’s all dis stuff floatin’ in da bayou?” Kapoot responded, “I think all dis is trash.” They were both silent. Then Couyon asked, “How did all dis get here?” “I tink dem fancy, up-da-bayou people was too lazy to put their trash in da garbage cans.” “Dat don’t explain all dem gators,” Couyon said. “Yeah it do, Couyon. Dem gators don’t like all dat trash in their habitat, so dey got out da water,” Kapoot explained. “My pappy me dat he heard we was Earth’s caretakers. Dat’s true, Kapoot,” Couyon said. “I agree wit you, Couyon. Ain’t nobody messes wit our bayou!” Kapoot said. “Now Kapoot, don’t get so worked up.

We’s gonna take care of dis mess,” Couyon assured him. Couyon and Kapoot went up the bayou and told the “fancy, up-da-bayou people” what a mess they made. Lots of southern Louisiana residents from up and down the bayou helped clean up Couyon and Kapoot’s beloved bayou.

Next month, they were in a willow tree when they noticed how low the water was. “May what happened now?” Couyon asked. They went ride in the pirogue to think. “Man, those fancy, up-da-bayou people dun wasted all our water!” Kapoot said. “Fishin’ won’t be no fun if we can see dem!” “We might even have us a drought,” Kapoot said. “Let’s go get in da pickup truck,” Couyon said. They once again went up the bayou and told their story. It was July; of course people were wasting water. The “up-da-bayou” people promised to use less water.

Next month, Couyon and Kapoot were in a cypress tree, when they noticed something. “Kapoot, look at our bayou,” Couyon said. “What do you mean, Couyon?” Kapoot responded. “Ain’t nuttin wrong wit it,” Couyon said. “May Couyon, you’re right. We got our bayou back! Now we can get back to enjoyin’ it!” “Let’s go swimmin’!” Couyon said happily. Couyon and Kapoot learned a valuable lesson: First, you must protect the water. Second, you must conserve the water. Then, you can enjoy the water.

*Author: **Caroline Pontiff***

*St. Gregory Catholic School, Terrebonne Parish*



# July 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 WETSHOP	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21 Youth Hunter Ed Challenge	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Parents' Day	29	30	31			

## Double Duty

Use the sprinkler in an area on your lawn where water is needed the most and let the kids play away and cool off in the summer heat.

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Artist: **LaShae Duplechain**  
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, St. Landry Parish



# August 2013

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4 Canon Envirothon, Montana State University Friendship Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
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## Collect the Rain

Set up a rain barrel under a gutter and can catch hundreds of gallons of water to use for watering the lawn. Keep the barrel covered with a fine-mesh screen to avoid breeding mosquitoes, however.

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Artist: **Matthew Bruno**  
Bonne Ecole Elementary, St. Tammany Parish





# September 2013

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1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Rosh Hashanah	6	7 National Threatened Species Day
8 Grandparents' Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Yom Kippur
15 Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation Annual Beach Sweep	16	17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace National Hunting & Fishing Day Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation Annual Beach Sweep
22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26 Johnny Appleseed Day	27 Native American Day	28 National Public Lands Day
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## A.M. Watering

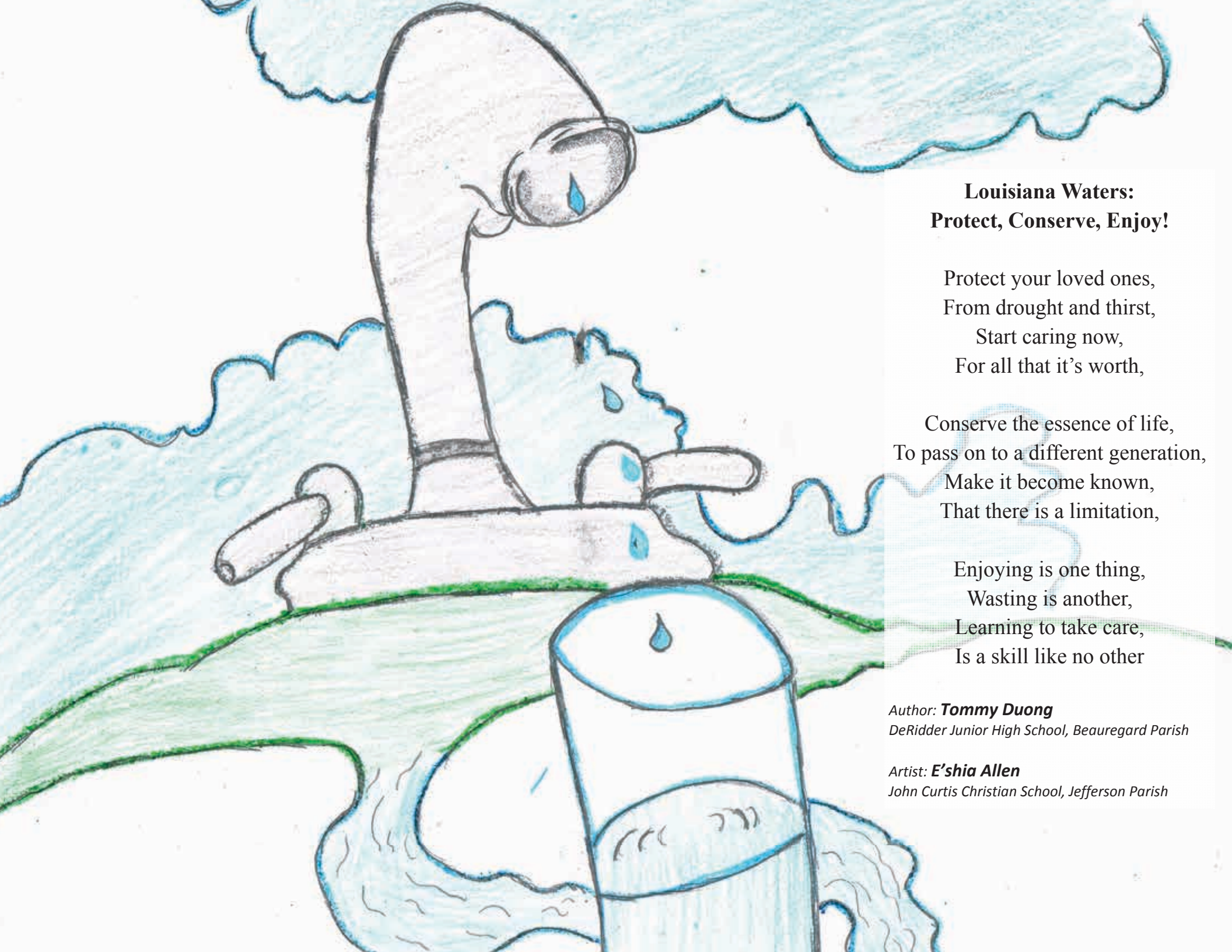
Watering plants early in the morning or late in the evening helps reduce evaporation, saving up to 25 gallons each time.

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**Louisiana Waters:  
Protect, Conserve, Enjoy!**

Protect your loved ones,  
From drought and thirst,  
Start caring now,  
For all that it's worth,

Conserve the essence of life,  
To pass on to a different generation,  
Make it become known,  
That there is a limitation,

Enjoying is one thing,  
Wasting is another,  
Learning to take care,  
Is a skill like no other

Author: **Tommy Duong**  
DeRidder Junior High School, Beauregard Parish

Artist: **E'shia Allen**  
John Curtis Christian School, Jefferson Parish



# October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Alcoa Carbon Products Month of Service 		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Child Health Day	8 National Children's Day	9	10	11	12
13 National Earth Science Week	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Boss's Day National Fossil Day	17	18	19
20 National Chemistry Week	21	22	23 Mole Day	24 NSTA Conference, Portland, OR United Nations Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

## Stop the Drip

Think you have a leak in your toilet? Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank; if the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month and can be as simple as replacing the toilet's flapper.

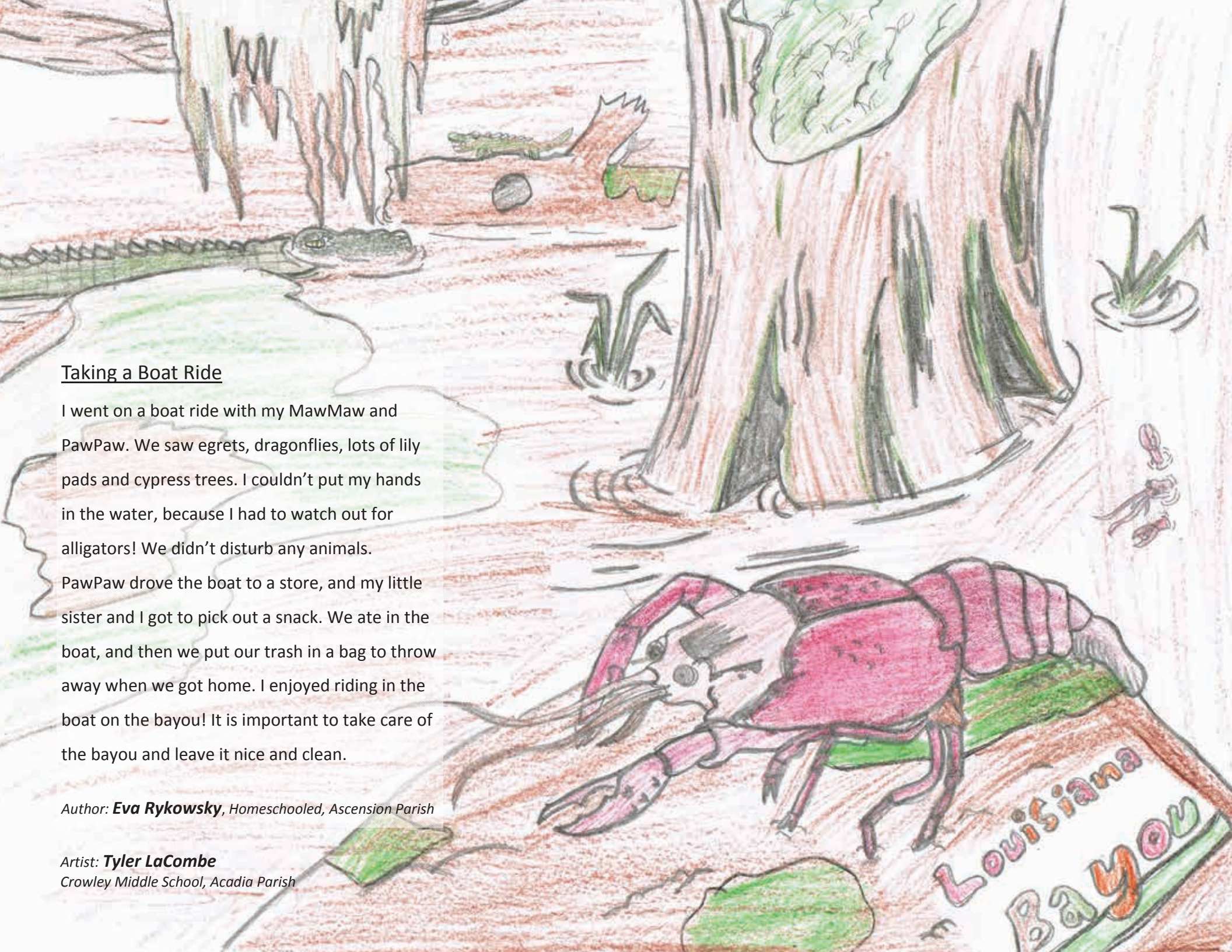
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### Taking a Boat Ride

I went on a boat ride with my MawMaw and PawPaw. We saw egrets, dragonflies, lots of lily pads and cypress trees. I couldn't put my hands in the water, because I had to watch out for alligators! We didn't disturb any animals.

PawPaw drove the boat to a store, and my little sister and I got to pick out a snack. We ate in the boat, and then we put our trash in a bag to throw away when we got home. I enjoyed riding in the boat on the bayou! It is important to take care of the bayou and leave it nice and clean.

Author: **Eva Rykowsky**, Homeschooled, Ascension Parish

Artist: **Tyler LaCombe**  
Crowley Middle School, Acadia Parish



# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Islamic New Year	6	7 NSTA Conference, Charlotte, NC	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 America Recycles Day	16
17	18	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Day	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Hanukkah Begins	29	30

## Save Marine Life

After fishing trips, collect all pieces of fishing line, nets, and other litter to dispose of properly in trash containers. This helps keep our waterways clear of debris that marine life can get entangled in or swallow.

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Artist: **J. Cindy Simporios**  
Helen Cox High School, Jefferson Parish



**PROTECT, CONSERVE, ENJOY!**



# December 2013

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Years' Eve				

## Conserving Water During the Holidays

Boil food in as little water as possible, putting just enough to cover. Your veggies will retain more flavor and nutrients in less water and since you are heating less water, you'll also save energy!

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# Louisiana Waters

Marshlands, shady cypress bayous, rivers, and lakes,  
Beautiful Louisiana waters provide many resources and  
recreational breaks.

Since the waters are so beautiful  
Protect them, so we can continue to be boastful!

Hunting and fishing are our game  
With water sports of every name.

Twenty-one state parks offer lakes for enjoying...  
Boating, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and jet-skiing.

To protect our waters from harmful pollution  
We need to come up with a solution.

Nature and wildlife as far as you can see  
All benefit from our water potpourri.

We named our state tree in 1963,  
Found along water bayous, is the majestic bald cypress tree.

And where you see the Louisiana purple iris  
It gives our waters such charm and bliss

But to keep plants rooted  
We need to stop our waters from being polluted

We, the people, need to be part of the solution  
To prevent harmful nonpoint pollution.

The tides always moving in and out  
Are home to many, including our state saltwater fish,  
the spotted sea trout.

Our waters provide a tasty, seafood dish  
With shrimp, oysters, and of course, catfish.

One of the best is our fresh crawfish  
Which makes a spicy and famous Louisiana dish.

Won't you come help me?  
Restore the wonders that used to be.

We need to protect our waters and lakes  
We have so much at stake.

So to keep Louisiana waters clean and healthy  
Don't throw trash off the levee.

Think before you pour things down storm drains.  
Into our water goes motor oil, urban run-off, and fertilizers  
with the rains.

Stop....think.....and bring wastes to a recycling center  
So pollutants into our water do not enter!

Now, I don't mean to boast  
But Louisiana is the best on the coast

But to keep these treasures alive  
Caring people are needed to help our waters survive.

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## Water is Life

Every creature great and small  
needs water to live.

That's why we say, "Water is life.  
It is precious."

In Louisiana, we are lucky to have so much  
fresh water,  
flowing in our bayous, rivers, and canals.

Criss-crossing our state carrying life,  
like veins,  
through a person's body.

We should respect our water.  
Keep it healthy  
and treat it with care.

As we would with our own bodies.  
Because water is life.

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EPA: [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)

H2O Conserve: [www.h2oconserve.org](http://www.h2oconserve.org)

LDEQ: [www.deq.state.la.us](http://www.deq.state.la.us)

National Geographic: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/>

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